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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	Fall Creek Forest Fire Station – Temporary Shelter		
<b>PROJECT LOCATION</b>	7272 Empire Grade Road Santa Cruz, CA 95060	<b>COUNTY</b>	Santa Cruz
<b>LEAD AGENCY</b>	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

CAL FIRE places a state fire engine at Santa Cruz County's Fall Creek Forest Fire Station which is located in Bonny Doon. This project involves the erection of a temporary shelter for the state's fire engine at that facility. As part of this project a single Douglas fir tree will need to be removed. This tree is approximately 16 inches dbh, was planted over 20 years ago and is in the middle of a lawn. This is a landscape tree in the middle of an existing fire station landscape. The tree is showing signs of stress due to other construction projects on the site and the drought over the past 3 years. No heavy equipment will be needed for this project, the property has already been converted and the wood from this tree will not be commercialized and would not constitute timber operations requiring a permit. This project will occur on property owned by the County of Santa Cruz.

## EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption      Type/Section: 14 CCR § 15301 - Minor Alteration of Existing Public Facility  
  14 CCR § 15304 - Minor Alterations to Land

☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):

☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)

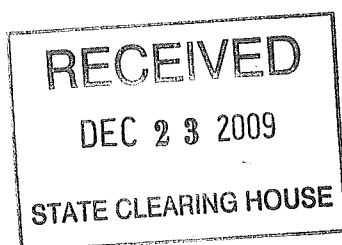
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))

☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The project fits within the descriptions for the two Categorical Exemptions cited above pertaining to minor alterations at an existing public facility and minor alteration to land. CAL FIRE's San Mateo/Santa Cruz Unit Forester has conducted a limited environmental review, especially to address potential impacts to cultural or biological resources, and has concluded that no impacts will occur. No environmental impacts are anticipated from this project.

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William E. Snyder, Deputy Director Date 12/23/09